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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

FOR AMBASSADORS AND CHARGES FROM THE SECRETARY

1. THIS MESSAGE IS TO BRING YOU UP TO DATE ON OUR POLICY
EFFORTS AND STRATEGY IN CURRENT MIDDLE EAST CRISIS AND
ON REASONS FOR OUR DECISION TO MOUNT MILITARY RESUPPLY
OPERATION TO ISRAEL. AT SUCH TIME AS HOST GOVERNMENT
BECOMES AWARE OF RESUPPLY OPERATION AND WE CONFIRM FACT
HERE TO PRESS, YOU MAY DRAW ON FOLLOWING IN EXPLAINING
OUR POLICY IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES FROM HOST GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS.

2. FROM BEGINNING OF WAR OCTOBER 6, ONCE OUR ATTEMPTS
TO PREVENT OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES HAD FAILED, OUR
EFFORTS HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO TWO OBJECTIVES: TO END

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THE FIGHTING AND TO CREATE CONDITIONS WHICH WILL MAKE

PROGRESS POSSIBLE TOWARD A FINAL JUST AND LASTING ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE.

3. TO THESE ENDS WE (A) TOOK THE INITIATIVE ON OCTOBER 7 TO CONVENE UN SECURITY COUNCIL, (B) HAVE HELD INTENSIVE DIPLOMATIC CONSULTATIONS WITH PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT, PERMANENT MEMBERS OF SECURITY COUNCIL AND OTHERS, AND (C) EXERCISED RESTRAINT DURING INITIAL PERIOD OF CRISIS IN SHIPMENT OF FURTHER ARMS TO AREA OF CONFLICT.

4. IN ADDRESSING SECURITY COUNCIL OCTOBER 7, AMBASSADOR SCALI STATED THE PRINCIPLES WE BELIEVE SHOULD GOVERN ANY SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION IN PRESENT CRISIS. WE HAVE MADE NO SPECIFIC PROPOSALS WHILE FREE GIVE-AND-TAKE OF IDEAS IN SEARCH FOR SECURITY COUNCIL CONSENSUS GOES FORWARD.

5. MILITARY SITUATION IS INCONCLUSIVE, WITH ISRAELI SALIENT INTO SYRIA 20 MILES FROM DAMASCUS AND EGYPTIAN BRIDGEHEAD UP TO 10 MILES EAST AT SUEZ CANAL. BOTH SIDES HAVE SUSTAINED HEAVY LOSSES OF MEN AND EQUIPMENT.

6. IN PAST THREE DAYS, I HAVE MADE MAJOR DIPLOMATIC EFFORT TO DEVELOP CONSENSUS WHICH WOULD HAVE BROUGHT END TO HOSTILITIES ON BASIS OF PRESENT DISPOSITION OF FORCES. SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN FAILURE THESE EFFORTS TO DATE IS THAT SOVIETS HAVE NOT COOPERATED AS MUCH AS WE WOULD HAVE DESIRED IN EFFORT TO TERMINATE HOSTILITIES.

7. IN ADDITION, SOVIETS TOOK INITIATIVE IN LAUNCHING MASSIVE AIRLIFT OF ARMS, AND NUMBER OF FLIGHTS HAS NOW REACHED 200. AFTER REPEATED REQUESTS TO THE SOVIET UNION NOT TO EXACERBATE THE SITUATION, THE USG CONCLUDED IT HAD NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO BEGIN RESUPPLY AIRLIFT TO ISRAEL, BUT IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THIS BEGAN ONLY AFTER SOVIET RESUPPLY EFFORT HAD REACHED MASSIVE PROPORTIONS. IF EFFECTIVE CEASEFIRE IS ESTABLISHED, WE ARE PREPARED TO STOP OUR AIRLIFT PROVIDED SOVIETS DO THE SAME.

8. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE CONDITIONS THAT LED TO THE
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OUTBREAK OF THE WAR MUST BE ENDED AND WE ARE PREPARED TO WORK TO THAT END. WE VIEW THIS RESUPPLY EFFORT AS NECESSARY IF WE ARE TO REMAIN IN POSITION TO USE OUR INFLUENCE TO WORK FOR JUST AND LASTING PEACE SETTLEMENT. I HAD ALREADY INITIATED EFFORTS TO THAT END DURING BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS AT UNGA IN NEW YORK WHEN CURRENT HOSTILITIES ERUPTED.

9. FINALLY, WE WANT TO MAKE CATEGORICALLY CLEAR, IN
LIGHT OF NUMBER OF IRRESPONSIBLE CHARGES ABOUT PARTICIPA-
TION OF U.S. FORCES IN CURRENT HOSTILITIES, THAT THERE
IS NO REPEAT NO INVOLVEMENT OF AMERICAN MILITARY FORCES
OR PERSONNEL IN THIS FIGHTING. KISSINGER

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